

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A shifting device for transmitting shift commands to a motor vehicle transmission, the shifting device comprising:

a ~~housing/frame~~ housing support structure;

a selector lever for transmitting shift commands to the motor vehicle transmission;

5 a hand knob forming a gripping surface for engagement by a hand of a driver of the motor vehicle;

a switch; and

an adapter mounted ~~[[at]]~~ on said selector lever, said adapter having said switch integrated therewith, said adapter defining a connection between said selector lever and said  
10 hand knob, the shifting device being provided for installation in a motor vehicle, wherein a shifting gate is pushed over said selector lever.

2. (Previously Presented) A shifting device in accordance with claim 1, wherein said switch integrated in said adapter includes means for transmitting electrical and/or optical signals.

3. (Previously Presented) A shifting device in accordance with claim 1, wherein said adapter has a switch interface for a connection cable.

\_\_\_\_\_4. (Currently Amended) A shifting device in accordance with claim 1, further

comprising a line for transmitting electrical and/or optical signals wherein said adapter has an exterior surface defining at least one said recess, said line being disposed in said recess ~~in which said line is disposed.~~

5. (Previously Presented) A shifting device in accordance with claim 1, wherein said adapter has a switch display part.

6. (Currently Amended) A shifting device in accordance with claim 1, further comprising a switch display part.

7. (Previously Presented) A shifting device in accordance with claim 1, wherein said adapter has at least one guide element for positioning said hand knob.

8. (Previously Presented) A shifting device in accordance with claim 1, wherein said adapter has a boring, into which said selector lever can be at least partially inserted.

9. (Currently Amended) A shifting device in accordance with claim 1, wherein said adapter is fastened to ~~has a screwable connection for fastening at~~ said selector lever via a screw connection.

10. (Currently Amended) A shifting device in accordance with claim 1, wherein said

adapter ~~has a clippable connection for fastening at~~ is fastened to said selector lever via a clip connection.

11. (Previously Presented) A shifting device in accordance with claim 1, wherein said adapter has a plastic molding, which is injection-molded on the selector lever via an injection molding process.

12. (Previously Presented) A shifting device in accordance with claim 1, wherein said adapter has an actuator button part connected to said switch.

13. (Previously Presented) A shifting device in accordance with claim 12, wherein said hand knob has an opening for access to said actuator button part.

14. (Previously Presented) A shifting device in accordance with claim 13, wherein said actuator button part also comprises a switch display part.

15. (Currently Amended) A shifting device for transmitting shift commands to a motor vehicle transmission, the shifting device comprising:

a support structure;

a selector lever connected to said support structure, said selector lever for transmitting

shift commands to the motor vehicle transmission;

a connection cable;

an adapter mounted ~~[[at]]~~ to said selector lever, said adapter having an integrated switch, said integrated switch including a switch interface for said connection cable and a means for transmitting electrical and/or optical signals, said adapter having an adapter outer surface, said adapter outer surface defining a recess, said connection cable being located within said recess;

a hand knob forming a gripping surface for engagement by a hand of a driver of the motor vehicle driver, ~~[[;]]~~ said adapter defining a connection between said selector lever and said hand knob, the shifting device being provided for installation in a motor vehicle, wherein the diameter of the selector lever and the adapter is smaller than a shift gap defined by side edges of a shift gate whereby the shift gate is passed over said selector lever and said adapter.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) A shifting device in accordance with claim ~~[[16]]~~ 15, wherein said connection cable has a line, said line ~~[[for]]~~ transmitting said electrical and/or optical signals from said transmitting means to said support structure ~~wherein said adapter has at least one recess in which said line is disposed.~~

18. (Previously Presented) A shifting device in accordance claim 15, wherein said adapter has at least one guide element for positioning said hand knob.

19. (Previously Presented) A shifting device in accordance with claim 15, wherein said adapter has a part with at least one of an actuator button part and a switch display part connected to said switch.

20. (Previously Presented) A shifting device in accordance with claim 19, wherein said hand knob has an opening for access to said at least one of an actuator button part and a switch display part connected to said switch.

21. (New) A shifting device for transmitting shift commands to a motor vehicle transmission, the shifting device comprising:

a support structure;

a selector lever connected to said support structure, said selector lever for transmitting shift commands to the motor vehicle transmission;

a connection cable having one or more lines;

an adapter mounted to said selector lever, said adapter having an integrated switch, said integrated switch including a switch interface, said adapter having an adapter outer surface, said adapter outer surface defining a recess, said one or more lines being located within said recess, said one or more lines being connected to said switch interface;

a hand knob forming a gripping surface for engagement by a hand of a driver of the motor vehicle driver, said adapter defining a connection between said selector lever and said hand knob, the shifting device being provided for installation in a motor vehicle, wherein the

15 diameter of the selector lever and the adapter is smaller than a shift gap defined by side edges  
of a shift gate whereby the shift gate is passed over said selector lever and said adapter, said  
hand knob being arranged on said adapter.